

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q85507

Makoto TSURUTA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/519,558

Group Art Unit: 1733

Confirmation No.: 2809

Examiner: Adrienne C. JOHNSTONE

Filed: December 28, 2004

For: PNEUMATIC TIRE

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 21, 2007, Applicants hereby elect *without traverse* Species IV, wherein the pneumatic tire whose belt consists of two or more belt layers and whose transversal reinforcement layer cords are non-extensible cords; upon which claims 1-4 and 6-9 are believed to be readable. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected embodiment in due course.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees (with the exception of the Issue/Publication Fees) to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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